

Swiss Sailing Women League (SSWL) Series 2026 incl. Swiss Club Sailing Championships 2026 Notice of Race (NoR)

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Include amendments on NoR 1.4 #1 and NoR 1.5 #2

1 Organizing Authority (OA)

1.1 OA is the Swiss Sailing League Association (SSLA), Chairman of the OA: Fabian Meier
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2 Events and Racing Schedules

2.1 Overview

Events				Schedules			
Venue	Club	Date / Racing Days	Event Type	Race Office open / check- In	First Briefing	Scheduled time for first warning signal	Latest time for warning signal last racing day
Brissago	SSLA/RCLM	25-26 Apr 2026	WCL Act 1	25 Apr, 0900	25 Apr, 1000	25 Apr, 1030	approx. 1600
Spiez	SSLA/YCSp	09-10 May 2026	WSL Act 1	09 May, 0900	09 May, 1000	09 May, 1030	approx. 1600
Davos	SSLA/DSSC	28-30 Aug 2026	WCL Act 2 Final	28 Aug, 0900	28 Aug, 1000	28 Aug, 1015	approx. 1500
La Neuveville	SSLA/BT	19-21 Sep 2026	WSL Act 2 Final	19 Sep, 0900	19 Sep, 1000	19 Sep, 1030	approx. 1600

- 2.2 The number of races to be sailed each day is determined by the RC.
- 2.3 Each subsequent race is started as soon as practicable after the previous race.

3 Rules

- 3.1 The series are governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2 The SSLA version of the World Sailing umpired fleet racing test rules set Appendix UF applies, available on the online official notice board (ONB) on the manage2sail site of each event not later than the day before the first racing day of the event.
- 3.3 The rules of Addendum A of the Sailing Instructions (SI) HANDLING BOATS apply and also apply to any practice sailing and races. Class rules do not apply.
- 3.4 In RRS INTRODUCTION – Terminology, the meaning of "boat" is changed for the rules in Part 5, 6, 7 and RRS Appendix A with the approval by Swiss Sailing under RRS 86.3 to: "A sailboat and the crew on board or a team as described in NoR 3.5(a) as appropriate for single events and SSL series, that are subject to the rules."
- 3.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"
- 3.6 In all rules governing the SSL Women's Series;
 - (a) The term "WL Series" is used for the Swiss Sailing Women League Series 2026 consisting of the Women's Super League Series 2026 (WSL) and the Women's Challenge League Series 2026 (WCL).
 - (b) The term "team" means: "An eligible club team that entered the WSL, the WCL or an event of these series and all competitors of this team. In addition: A team of an eligible club whose entry to one of this series or events was rejected or canceled in 2026."
 - (c) The term "main team" is used for the first team of a club in WSL or WCL that entered the WSL or the WCL. However, a youth team as specified in NoR 3.5(e) shall not be considered as a main team.
 - (d) The term "farm team" is used for a second team entered in the WCL by a single club or as a joint team by 2 clubs, provided each of these clubs has entered a main team in the SL. However, a youth team as specified in NoR 3.5(e) shall not be considered a farm team.
 - (e) The term "youth team" is used for one or more teams of a single club consisting of youth competitors. However, for the WCL, a youth team may be entered as a joint team by 2 SSLA member clubs, provided they share a common youth training pool or belong to the same Swiss Sailing region.
 - (f) [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee (RC) without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee (PC) with a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
 - (g) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2(a).
- 3.7 The SI shall be available on the ONB not later than the day before the first racing day of the event.
- 3.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English version takes precedence.
- 3.9 The right of appeal is denied as approved by Swiss Sailing under RRS 70.3(c) for the WCL.

4 Eligibility

- 4.1 General
 - (a) The WSL is open to affiliated clubs of Swiss Sailing that are members of the SSLA.
 - (b) The WCL is open to affiliated clubs of Swiss Sailing that are members of the SSLA and affiliated clubs of other MNAs than Swiss Sailing.
 - (c) A club may enter one main team to either the WSL or the WCL.
 - (d) A club may enter one farm team to the WCL provided the requirements of NoR 3.6(d) are met.
 - (e) A club may enter youth teams to the WSL and WCL, provided the requirements of NoR 3.5(e) are met.
- 4.2 WSL 2026
 - (a) 12 clubs shall be invited to enter the WSL 2026 applying NoR 4.1(a),(c),(d) and 4.2(b),(c).
 - (b) Teams ranked 1 to 10 at the Swiss Sailing Women's League Final 2025 and clubs with

- teams ranked 1 to 2 in the WCL 2025 qualify for the WSL 2026.
- (c) If one or more of the clubs in NoR 4.2(b) stop remaining eligible further clubs may be invited by the OA applying NoR 4.1(a),(c),(d),(e) for the remaining spots as follows:
 - (1) Team ranked 11 to 12 in the WSL 2025 shall be invited. If this team does not accept the invitation,
 - (2) teams ranked 3 to 12 in the WCL 2025 shall be invited in an ascending order.
 - (d) If, after applying NoR 4.2(b),(c) fewer than 12 clubs are eligible or cease to remain eligible, the OA may, at its discretion, invite additional clubs for the remaining spots, applying NoR 4.1(a),(c),(d).
- 4.3 WCL 2026
- (a) 12 clubs shall be invited to enter the WCL 2026 applying NoR 4.1 and 4.3(b),(c).
 - (b) Teams ranked 3 to 12 in the WCL 2025 and teams ranked 11 and 12 at the WSL 2025 qualify for the WCL 2026.
 - (c) If, after applying NoR 4.3(b), fewer than 12 clubs are eligible or cease to remain eligible the OA may, at its discretion, invite additional clubs for the remaining spots, applying NoR 4.1(a),(b),(c),(d).
- 4.4 Spare
- 4.5 To remain eligible for the WSL or WCL, the following applies for a team:
- (a) The team's club shall register the team as a main team or farm by paying the SSLA membership fee by no later than 01 Mar 2026, Swiss Sailing League 2026 Registration manage2sail;
 - (b) The team shall pay the entry fee as stated in NoR 5.2 and the transport fee as stated in NoR 5.3 by no later than 15 Apr 2026; and
 - (c) The team shall submit the Sailing Agreement (SA) as required by NoR 5.5(c).
- 5 Entries**
- 5.1 Entering WL Series and Events
- (a) A team shall have entered the WSL or WCL after complying with the requirements of NoR 4.5.
 - (b) A team shall have entered an event after entering the WSL or WCL, submitting the crew list in compliance with NoR 6.6, upon completion of registration and payment of all fees and deposits unless NoR 6.6(c) applies.
- 5.2 Entry Fees
- (a) For all scheduled WSL events a non refundable entry fee of CHF 2000.-- shall be paid as specified in the invoice issued by the OA and by no later than stated in NoR 4.5(b).
 - (b) For all scheduled WCL events a non refundable entry fee of CHF 2000.-- shall be paid as specified in the invoice issued by the OA and by no later than stated in NoR 4.5(b).
 - (c) An additional non refundable participation fee for clubs from different MNAs than Swiss Sailing of CHF 1750.-- shall be paid as specified in the invoice issued by the OA and by no later than stated in NoR 4.5(b).
- 5.3 Transport Fee
- (a) WSL teams shall pay a transport fee of CHF 300.-- as specified in the invoice issued by the OA by no later than stated in NoR 4.5(b).
 - (b) WCL teams shall pay a transport fee of CHF 300.-- as specified in the invoice issued by the OA by no later than stated in NoR 4.5(b).
- 5.4 Remuneration
- (a) The remuneration for trailing boats, marks or other equipment is based on CHF 0.80 per kilometer.
- 5.5 Damage Responsibility and Sailing Agreement
- (a) Each team is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless the umpires or PC otherwise assign responsibility.
 - (b) The proceedings for regulating damage, breakage or loss of equipment are provided in the SA, available on the Notice Board of Swiss Sailing League 2026 Registration Information Overall Ranking.
 - (c) Each WSL or WCL team shall complete and sign the SA by their club representative and send it to sekretariat@swissailingleague.ch by no later than 15 April 2026.

6 Crew

- 6.1 In a race the number of crew on board (including the person in charge) shall be either 4 or 5. The teams shall report the number of crew on board when checking in for the event and this number shall not be changed later during the event.
- 6.2 Spare
- 6.3 Only crew members complying with NoR 6.5 may sail in a race.
- 6.4 There is no crew weight limit.
- 6.5 Each crew member
 - (a) shall be a member of their team's club,
 - (b) shall have either a valid Swiss Sailing club member card, or a temporary licence as provided in NoR 6.14, or shall provide proof of full club membership of a club that is a member of an MNA other than Swiss Sailing.
 - (c) shall sail in WL Series events for that club team only,
 - (d) shall not be born after 31 December 2013,
 - (e) shall be female,
 - (f) in a youth team shall not be born before 01 January 2003.
- 6.6 Crew List
 - (a) [NP] [SP] Each team shall register the crew members (including the person in charge) by submitting a crew list using their manage2sail account for the respective event by no later than 7 days prior to the first racing day of an event. 4, 5 or 6 crew members may be registered.
 - (b) If the crew list is submitted later than 7 days but not later than 3 days prior the first racing day, the scoring penalty for the breach of NoR 6.6(a) shall be 3 points in the first race of the event.
 - (c) If a team does not submit the crew list by no later than 3 days prior to the first racing day, the OA shall reject this team's entry and NoR 6.6(b) does not apply.
- 6.7 The person in charge shall have a boat skipper license for sailing boats as required under Swiss federal and any local law.
- 6.8 The person in charge needs not to helm the boat.
- 6.9 A crew member younger than 18 years old on the first racing day of an event shall complete the "Declaration of Consent – Parental Form" (DoC) to be downloaded from the ONB of any event. The DoC shall be completed, signed by the parent or the legal guardian and sent to sekretariat@swissailingleague.ch, accompanied with a copy of the passport or the identity card of the parent or the legal guardian not later than the day before the first racing day of the event.
- 6.10 Substitution of a crew member
 - (a) If a registered crew member is unable to enter an event of the WSL or WCL or to continue in such an event, the OA may authorize a substitute or a temporary substitute. Any substitute shall meet the requirements of NoR 6.5 and in case of substituting a person in charge NoR 6.7.
 - (b) Spare
- 6.11 If a crew member has been competing in a main team in their first event of the WL Series of the year such a competitor may compete later
 - (a) exclusively in events in the main team of their club, or
 - (b) in one event in the farm team or youth team of this club and in all other events throughout the year exclusively in the main team, or
 - (c) stay exclusively in the Farm team or Youth team he competed outside the main team.
- 6.12 If a crew member has been competing in a farm team in the first event of the WL Series of the year such a competitor may compete later
 - (a) exclusively in events in the farm team of their club; or
 - (b) in one event in the main team of their club and in all other events throughout the year exclusively in the farm team; or
 - (c) exclusively in the main team of their club.
- 6.13 If a crew member has been competing in a youth team in the first event of the SSL Series of the year such a competitor may compete later
 - (a) exclusively in events in the youth team of this club; or

- (b) in one event in the main team of this club and in all other events throughout the year exclusively in the youth team; or
 - (c) exclusively in the main team of this club.
- 6.14 Temporary license
- (a) Only one temporary license is allowed per club and per event, and
 - (b) For the purpose of eligibility, the crew member using a temporary license will be assimilated as a member of that club and can therefore not sail for another club for the season.

7 Format

7.1 The WL Series consists of:

- (a) a series of 2 events in the WSL,
- (b) a series of 2 events in the WCL,

7.2 Event Format

- (a) An event consists of a series of races.
- (b) The race format is umpired fleet racing.
- (c) A pairing list defines the number of races and the teams for each race. The pairing list shall be distributed not later than the first briefing.
- (d) In the pairing list, races are grouped into flights. A single flight consists of a series of races where all teams are racing once. A flight is complete, when all races of the flight are scored.
- (e) If at a WSL or WCL event a flight remains incomplete, the remaining races of this flight shall be scheduled and sailed in the following WSL or WCL event.
- (f) The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the RC after consulting with the chief umpire and taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors. This includes changing the pairing list, the racing schedule, eliminating any race and terminating the series.

8 Scoring

8.1 Event Scoring

For the purpose of scoring an event the following apply:

- (a) To constitute the event series each team shall be scored in at least 2 races; otherwise the entire event shall be declared void and not scored. This changes RRS A2.1.
- (b) RRS A5.2 is changed to:
 "A team that entered an event but did not sail the course, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points equal to the number of boats listed in the pairing list for this race. However, if
 (1) a team did not start due to breakdown or damage signaled in compliance with the SI and no repair could be effected until the preparatory signal, or
 (2) the RC decides before the preparatory signal that due to breakdown or damage a team shall not start,
 this team shall be scored average points according to RRS A9(a) for this race unless it has been scored in fewer than 3 races in the series except the race in question.
 A team that did not enter an event shall not be scored for any race in that event. For the purpose of scoring the WSL or WCL NoR 8.2(e) or 8.3(e) apply."
- (c) Scoring penalties as provided in RRS UF 1.4 shall be added to a team's race score. This changes RRS A5.
- (d) No scores shall be excluded, unless NoR 8.1(e) or (f) applies.
- (e) For WSL and WCL events, only complete flights shall be used to determine an event's final results unless NoR 8.1(f) applies. The race scores of an incomplete flight shall be excluded from that event's series score but included in the series score of the following event.
- (f) If, at the last WSL event, or the last WCL event of the year, some teams have more race scores than others, the scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all teams have the same number of race scores.

8.2 Overall WSL and WCL Scoring

For the purpose of scoring the following applies:

- (a) Each team of the respective series shall be scored in at least 4 races to constitute the series.

- (b) The race scores of each team in each event shall be added the overall WSL series score. The team with the lowest score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.
- (c) Teams that did not enter an event, or whose entry was rejected or cancelled shall, for that event, be scored points equal to "Did not start" for the number of races equal to the maximum number of races scored in that event, and equal to the number of teams entered in the WSL.
- (d) No scores shall be excluded unless NoR 8.2(e) applies.
- (e) If, after the last event of their series, some teams have more race scores than others, the scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all teams have the same number of race scores.

9 Boats and Sails

- 9.1 The events are sailed in J/70 type boats.
- 9.2 6 boats are provided for each event. The OA may change the number of boats.
- 9.3 The sails are provided for each boat: Mainsail, jib, gennaker.
- 9.4 Boats are allocated by a draw as decided by the RC.

10 Advertising

- 10.1 [NP] World Sailing regulation 20.4.2 applies. Each boat is required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 10.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1.

11 Course

- 11.1 The course is windward/leeward with
 - (a) port rounding at the windward mark,
 - (b) passing between the leeward gate marks in the direction from the last mark, rounding on either side of the marks and
 - (c) downwind finishing.

12 Prizes and Qualifications

- 12.1 WSL 2026
 - (a) The winner of the WSL is awarded the title "Swiss Women Club Sailing Champion".
 - (b) Teams, excepted penultimate and last, in the WSL 2026 qualify for the WSL 2027.
 - (c) Teams ranked penultimate and last in the WSL qualify for the WCL 2027.
- 12.2 WCL 2026
 - (a) The winner of the WCL is awarded the Swiss Sailing Women's Challenge League trophy.
 - (b) Teams ranked 1 to 2 in the WCL qualify for the WSL 2027.
 - (c) Teams ranked 3 to last qualify for the WCL 2027

13 [NP] Support Persons and Support Boats

- 13.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the associated team.
- 13.2 Support person vessels shall not interfere with the racing or event organization.
- 13.3 Support person vessels are required to register by email at the OA not later than 7 days prior to the first racing day of any event concerned.
- 13.4 Support person vessels and support person vessel drivers shall comply with the federal and local law requirements. Teams are solely responsible to obtain all necessary licenses, permissions and documents for their associated support boats and support persons by their own.
- 13.5 During races, support person vessels shall maintain a distance of at least 100 m to all marks and competitors racing and avoid making wash.

14 Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment

- 14.1 By participating in the WL Series and WL Series events, competitors and teams grant to the SSLA, its sponsors, the OA and the event sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 14.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment

- as specified and supplied by the OA.
- 14.3 [NP] Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.4 [NP] If required by the OA, competitors shall give interviews at the events.

15 Risk Statement and Disclaimer of Liability

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in SSL Series events each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 15.2 Any liability for any damage is excluded to the maximum extent permitted by the applicable law.

16 Umpires Provided by Teams

- 16.1 [NP] If required by the OA, teams shall provide one registered crew member as an umpire at an event of the SSL Series the team is participating in.
- 16.2 Teams required to provide an umpire are selected by a draw before or at the event.
- 16.3 No umpire provided by a team shall umpire a race with his own team racing.